

Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE)
Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

Minutes – Unofficial

The December 9, 2020 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Advisory Council was called to order at 1:14 p.m. Members present were: Maria Blanco, Dr. Libbie Sonnier, Dr. Michelle Joubert, Dr. Susannah Craig, Falicia Coleman, Carole Elliot, Jennifer Roberts, Shenoa Webb, Dr. Ashley Lucas, Alan Young, Paula Polito, Lesley Corban, Kellie Taylor-White, Rep. Chris Turner, Linda Lambert, Sen. Beth Mizell, and Kahree Wahid. Brenda Sharpe served as a proxy for Dr. Toni Ledet. Dr. Tamanika Odinga, Mathilde Mulkin, James Evans, Emily Hunyadi, Joy Mitchell, Capt. Mark Richards, Nicole Angelle, Rep. Polly Thomas, Melissa Drescher, LaTrese LeCour, Lt. Lorre Claiborne, and Nora McCarstle were absent

Public Comments were received from Melanie Bronfin, Trista Gambill, Terricka Fields, and Christy Gilmore.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education were Valerie Black, Lisa Brochard, Dr. Jenna Chiasson, Leslie Doyle, and Taylor Dunn.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Paula Polito at 1:14 p.m.

Ms. Polito requested a motion to approve a slate of new members of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council. The Council's response was as follows:

- 1 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Blanco, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council approved a slate of new members of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council.

Ms. Polito requested a motion to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2020 Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council meeting. The Council's response was as follows:

- 2 On motion of Ms. Taylor-White, and seconded by Dr. Craig, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council approved the minutes of the July 22, 2020 meeting of the Council.

Ms. Polito requested a motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2020 Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council meeting. The Council's response was as follows:

- 3 On motion of Dr. Craig, and seconded by Ms. Taylor-White, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council approved the minutes of the November 19, 2020 meeting of the Council.

Alan Young nominated Paula Polito as Chair of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council.

- 4 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Sen. Mizell, the Council approved Ms. Paula Polito as Chair of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council.

Maria Blanco nominated Libbie Sonnier as Vice Chair of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council.

- 5 On motion of Ms. Blanco, and seconded by Ms. Webb, the Council approved Dr. Libbie Sonnier as Vice Chair of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council.

Dr. Jenna Chiasson provided an update on proposed revisions to Bulletin 139, *Louisiana Child Care Development Funds Program*.

- 6 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Dr. Joubert, the Council approved the proposed revisions to Bulletin 139, *Louisiana Child Care Development Funds Program*.

Dr. Jenna Chiasson provided an update on proposed revisions to Bulletin 140, *Louisiana Early Childhood Care and Education Network*.

- 7 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Sen. Mizell, the Council approved the proposed revisions to Bulletin 140, *Louisiana Early Childhood Care and Education Network*.

Leslie Doyle of the LDOE provided an update on a plan to review the Early Learning and Development Standards.

8 On motion of Dr. Sonnier, and seconded by Ms. Webb, the Council received the update on a plan to review the Early Learning and Development Standards.

Lisa Brochard of the LDOE provided an update on Louisiana’s Child Care and Development Fund State Plan Amendment.

9 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Elliot, the Council received an update on Louisiana’s Child Care and Development Fund State Plan Amendment.

Robyn Stiles of Emergent Method and Valerie Black of the LDOE provided a report on the results of the 2020 Louisiana Child Care Market Rate Survey.

10 On motion of Dr. Sonnier, and seconded by Mr. Young, the Council received the report on the results of the 2020 Louisiana Child Care Market Rate Survey.

Lisa Brochard, Dr. Jenna Chiasson, and Taylor Dunn provided an update on proposed revisions to Bulletin 139, *Louisiana Child Care Development Funds Program*.

11 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Dr. Sonnier, the Council approved the proposed revisions to Bulletin 139, *Louisiana Child Care Development Funds Program*.

12 With no further business to come before the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council, the December 9, 2020 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.